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TIME EXTENDED

The editor of the Mist has been so busy with Liberty Loan and other matters, that statements to delinquent subscribers have not been sent out, as we intended to do. We are, therefore, going to extend the time of renewals at the old rate of \$1.50 per year for a short time longer and until all of our subscribers can be notified as to their account.

START TO WORK

It has been almost three weeks since the schoolhouse fire and nothing has yet been done towards rebuilding the school or making plans for another school building. In the meantime, all temporary buildings have been secured and fitted up at a considerable expense. The Mist realizes the hard position in which the school directors were placed and it has no desire to criticize. At the same time, however, it might be suggested that plans be formulated for the rebuilding of the old school or the erection of a new school. Jumping around from pillar to post and spending several thousand dollars on premises for only temporary use should be avoided if possible. The school directors, if unable to make up their minds as to what course to pursue, should call a mass meeting of the taxpayers and ascertain their wishes. Further delay is unexcusable.

NOT WORTHY

The man who has been living in this country for 33 years and has not taken out his citizenship papers and is unwilling to return to the land of his birth to fight for it, if necessary, is not a person upon whom the rights and privileges of citizenship should be granted. If he is not interested in his native country or the country in which he lives, he hasn't sufficient interest in the work of this government to entitle him to work on government ships at \$7.00 per day. Not only this, we do not believe he is a safe man to have around a shipyard which is working on government contracts, for he is a traitor to his own country and is lukewarm to the country in which he lives. Therefore, he cannot be interested in the war program of this country. Before many months, it is possible that a more rigid rule will be made by the government as to who shall be permitted to work in or on government works.

CAN DO OUR PART

There was war for Independence. There was war to free the slaves. And now we're in another war. With those "Huns" across the waves.

We are sending our noble laddies. And we're knitting day and night. We are saving food to send them. So we'll win in this great fight.

As the battles rage o'er yonder. And our boys are falling fast; How they fight with vim and vigor For their country, till the last.

Tho' we cannot all be with them On the battlefields of France, We can dig into our pockets And buy Thrift and Saving stamps. By Lester Katherine Weed. Vernonia, Oregon.

THE ROAD TO BERLIN

We are on the road to Berlin. And we will not turn back Till we hang old Bill the Kaiser And his dirty Hunnish pack.

We will spank both Fritz and Heinie good. And teach them to behave. And that in the twentieth century No man can be a slave.

And when we have hanged old Bill the Kaiser, And spanked the dirty crew; We will turn right back for home again. And come right back to you. —By John Philip.

TO THE STRONGEST DEFENSES

Tuesday's news dispatches told how the American soldiers were fighting on. "After three days' struggle through the German's formidable defense of masonry, steel, wire and pitfalls, the first American army today was fighting on, in the pouring rain to the fourth and last line of German defenses." American soldiers fighting on, fighting on through the pouring rain, fighting on to the last line of defense. There's the story of the American soldier, he is still fighting on to the LAST LINE OF DEFENSE. Comment is unnecessary, but we who stay at home might well ask ourselves this question: "Are We Fighting On" to back up the soldiers we have sent to defend us?

The six o'clock and Sunday closing suggested by the State Council of Defense is premature, to say the least, and that organization, which has for its purpose something more than the enforcement of the blue law, will gain little by the agitation started. The public sentiment will not be theirs in this move and the best thing Woodward or Kollock can do, is to postpone indefinitely the action suggested. The idea of conserving manpower is a good one, but "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" and it might also be taken into consideration that the ruling suggested would deprive hundreds of honest citizens of their means of a livelihood.

Just why the mayor should insist that the taxpayers do not want a public dock and at the same time acknowledge that the people have twice voted for such a dock, is a hard nut to crack. The mayor is positive about this, but perhaps he formed his opinion from his own opposition or else his pre-election statements.

THE STARS AND STRIPES AT BERLIN

State Press Firm in Support of Win-the-War Program

Oregon's record in the Liberty Loan drives would have been impossible without the splendid co-operation of the newspapers of the state. This statement was made recently by one of the state loan executives. It is a tribute to the press of Oregon that is deserved.

The Red Cross drives, the Y. M. C. A. and Salvation Army campaigns have all depended, in the last analysis upon the wholehearted and voluntary support of the press of Oregon. This support has been freely given from the start, without any thought or expectation of payment for the hundreds and hundreds of columns of advertising and publicity donated.

"When honors are apportioned for the winning of the world war," said a big man of the nation recently, "the newspapers of the country will receive deserved recognition."

Perhaps the general public does not know that Congress has made no provision for the paid use of advertising the loan drives. Nor have the newspapers of the country asked for remuneration. Loyally they have responded in generous fashion and freely given their pages to the propagation of a great cause.

True, it has been expensive business to carry out the government's wishes in advertising bond sales and other war activities. Like the soldier in the trenches, the Oregon editor has heeded the command of his country, and "carried on" in a manner that has turned the eyes of the nation upon this state. "Oregon First" has become a national slogan.

Nor have the country editors finished their work. There are other drives coming, there are endless duties ahead, and until the great day when the Stars and Stripes shall float in Berlin, the press of Oregon will be on the job for Uncle Sam, without a whimper.

Operating a news plant is expensive procedure in these days of high wages and expensive stock and mechanism. With the additional expense of handling government publicity, the margin of profit is cut clear to the bone. Paper has doubled in price, ink has trebled, printers wages have soared to the clouds, and yet the country editor is serving the people of his community at the same old price.

Now comes Editor Jackson of the Portland Journal with an initiative bill to readjust the legal rate schedule. This rate has been equitably fixed by the state legislature so that the country publisher can charge no more than five cents per line. Jackson, who has tried for years to dictate to the press of Oregon, without results, now would bound the country editor out of business at the most crucial hour in the history of the country—a time when, if ever, the country needed to fulfill a most important mission.

A reduction in rates cannot be met by any newspaper at this time and should not be asked. The present rate is the average charge the country over, and no attempt has been made

to increase it in spite of the fact that everywhere cost charges are going skyward. The present rate was fixed by the legislature; it is fair to the people of the state, and fair to the country editor who is giving his best efforts to help the government at this time. Jackson's motive, under the circumstances, is grossly selfish. His nefarious plan will throttle the press of the state at a crucial time when the press cannot carry further burdens. Let the voters register an emphatic "NO" to the measures bearing the C. S. Jackson trademark. The press of Oregon should be allowed to live. This is all it asks.

Political Announcements

To the Voters of Columbia County—Having received the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of sheriff of this county, I wish to state, I have been a resident and a taxpayer of this county for nearly eight years, I am a working man, a member of the L. L. L. and also belong to the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers. If elected to the office of sheriff, I promise an economical business administration and an impartial enforcement of the law. If you want that kind of a man and that kind of an administration, I shall greatly appreciate your votes.

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. BUNTING,
Democratic Candidate for Sheriff.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of September, 1918, I took up one brown Jersey heifer, one year old, not branded, found running at large on the premises owned by Ole Peterson in the Bachelor Flat district, Columbia County, Oregon, but rented and controlled by me, and that I will on Monday, October 14, 1918, sell said heifer to pay the costs of her taking up and keep, unless sooner redeemed. Said sale to take place at 1 o'clock on said October 14, 1918 at the above described premises.

42-43 W. C. COONS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals, addressed to the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, at St. Helens, Oregon, and endorsed "Proposal for doing the following work in Columbia County, to-wit:

Build a Ninety-foot Span Bridge at Andrew Nelson's Place in Road District No. 8," will be received by said County Court until 2 o'clock p. m., October 19th, 1918, and not thereafter, and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

All proposals must be made upon blank forms, to be obtained from the Roadmaster, at his office in St. Helens, Oregon. Must give prices proposed, both in writing and in figures, and must be signed by the bidder, with his address.

Plans and specifications are on file and may be examined in the office of the County Clerk. Each bidder shall deposit with his bid, a certified check for an amount of at least five per cent of his bid, payable to the County Clerk, which shall be forfeited to the County, in case the award is made to him, and he shall neglect, fail or refuse, for a period of five days after such award is made, to enter into a contract and file the required bond.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.
S. C. MORTON, County Judge.
A. E. HARVEY, Commissioner.
JUDSON WEED, Commissioner.
H. E. ABBY, Roadmaster.
J. W. HUNT, County Clerk.

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Courteous Treatment

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THOS. ISBISTER, Prop.

Chicken Dinner Sunday, 35c
RATES \$1.00 PER DAY AND UP
Special Rates to Regular Boarders

Frazier's Confectionery
St. Helens, Oregon
On the Strand near Mill
Yard
CIGARS, TOBACCOS
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SOFT DRINKS
POOL and BILLIARD
PARLOR

ST. HELENS ROUTE
via Willamette Slough
THE PEOPLES BOAT

STR. AMERICA

Leaves Portland daily - 2:30 p. m.
(Sunday 1:30 p. m.)
Arrives St. Helens - 6:00 p. m.
(Sunday 3:30 p. m.)
Leaves St. Helens - 6:15 a. m.
Arrives Portland - 10:15 a. m.
H. HOLMAN, Agent
Makes all way landings. Wharf foot
Alder street. Phones: Main 8322,
A-4204.
FRANK WILKINS, St. Helens Agent.

ST. HELENS-PORTLAND AUTO LINE
FRANK SHEPARD, Prop.

SCHEDULE

	A. M.	P. M.
Lv. St. Helens.....	7:30	1:30
Warren	7:45	1:45
Scappoose	8:00	2:00
Ar. Portland	9:20	3:20
Lv. Portland	10:00	4:00
Ar. St. Helens.....	11:50	6:50
Saturdays and Sundays		
Special trip leaving St. Helens 6 p. m.		
Leave Portland 11 p. m.		



We Were Ready==

Were You?

WHEN the Fourth Liberty Loan drive opened Saturday, September 28th, you found the doors of the COLUMBIA COUNTY BANK open early, and every last person and facility in the place was available to help YOU subscribe your quota. BUT, don't wait until the 11th hour. As soon as you know what YOUR share is to be, PLEDGE YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.

The time to think, talk and figure is NOW. Help send St. Helens, Columbia County and Oregon FIRST over the top.

SHERMAN M. MILES President

Columbia County Bank
ST. HELENS
IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

ST. HELENS HOTEL

E. A. ROTGER, Prop.



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Fresh Quality Meats
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Central Meat Market

THE BEST MEAT MARKET IN THE COUNTY
Phone 60
Free and Prompt Delivery

The Last Week

—In which you can get your PEARS, PEACHES and PRUNES for canning. Would advise you not to delay. Place your order with us now.

Save Money on Your Butter Bill

—Try a package of UMECO. It is a nut margarine. It sells for 40c per pound and many of our customers are using it and are well pleased with it. If you haven't tried it, include a pound in your next grocery order.



If you don't trade with us we both lose money.

St. Helens Mercantile Co.

Phone 80

St. Helens, Oregon

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BE OVER
BUT THE
SHOUTING

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